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This is UNEVALUATED Information

On 14 February 1953, the Infanterie Kaserne in Zeitz was occupied by about 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and the Artillerie Kaserne by about 1,800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 10 February, 10 T-34/85 tanks 25X1
 left the Artillerie Kaserne and went toward Droybig. During the night, six rocket launchers 25X1

25X1 occupied by a total of about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank or artillery insignia returned to the installation. From 12 to 14 February, about 500 motor-vehicles of various types occupied by a total of about 10,000 soldiers carrying full field pack most of whom were red-bordered black epaulets with tank, AT artillery, artillery, motor transport or signal insignia passed through Zeitz, coming from the east and proceeding southward and westward. Motor vehicles 25X1

25X1 and rocket launchers were seen. 25X1 at the same time, 12 troop trains carrying tanks, AT guns and guns passed through Zeitz, coming from the direction of Leipzig and proceeding toward Grossen. The Zeitz Forest and the Droybig Forest were said to be heavily occupied by troops.

25X1 Comment. Other reports indicate that, since about 10 February, exercises have been conducted in the Zeitz area. From 6 to 9 February, elements of the 220th Hv Tank SP Regt were transferred to Zeitz in one shipment each from Glauchau and Ohrdruf and elements of the 316th RL Regt 25X1 in one shipment from Saalfeld. The present report which contains the first information on the exercises in the area of Zeitz and southwest of Zeitz fails to furnish a clear picture of the course of training and the identity of the units involved. 25X1

25X1 the movements observed were march exercises as were observed in the other army areas of East Germany from 10 to about 20 February 1953.

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